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A few freshmen will take Army ROTC on a noncredit basis this year, but the University intends to phase out all military training on campus by June 1973, President Richard W. Lyman told the Faculty Senate at Stanford Thursday (Oct. 1).

While there is "no sign" that any of the services are moving toward officer training programs off campus, Lyman added, "such a move is all but inevitable eventually, unless the armed services are going to abandon the whole idea of opening a pathway by which men and women educated outside the service academies can undertake careers as officers or service as reservists.

"Off-campus programs make sense, both for the services and the universities—and more especially for the students. I look forward to a day when the political passions on both sides of this issue may have cooled sufficiently for a really fresh approach to the problem to have a chance."

On July 30, the Academic Council voted 439 to 282 to endorse the Faculty Senate's suggestion that the University president initiate discussions with the Department of Defense along these lines. The same basic idea was endorsed in the Scranton Commission report on campus unrest, published this week.

Lyman told the Senate that there has been "no change" in the Air Force plan to remove its unit next June, when only a handful of students will be commissioned.

The Navy plans to phase out in June 1973, when the present sophomore class graduates. About 20 incoming freshmen who decided to come to Stanford on NROTC scholarships this spring will enter sophomore naval science courses this fall. The Navy will supplement their work with field trips, reading lists, and informal discussions on a noncredit basis. Total NROTC enrollment is about 80.

"Discussions with the Army have gone less smoothly," Lyman reported. Three freshman Army ROTC scholarship holders have enrolled at Stanford, and the University had hoped to reach agreement on a program for them similar to the Navy's.

The Army has been unwilling to do this, however, maintaining that Stanford is obliged to honor its existing contract, which calls for one year's notice prior to cancellation.

"We have, therefore, informed the Army that freshman instruction, without credit, will be offered this year," Lyman said. In addition to providing a one-year notice, the University has informed the Army that no military instruction will be offered on campus after June 1973.

"We hope they will agree, as the Navy has done, to phase out their program in a way that will do the least possible damage to the students involved," he declared.

"The simplest way to do that would be to allow the present sophomore, junior and senior classes to complete their military training and their education on schedule, and to accelerate by one year the training of the freshman class.

"We have not yet received an answer" from the Army, he said.

Earlier in his report to the Senate, Lyman said he was "sticking with the decision" for an extended election weekend, with no classes Nov. 2-3, announced earlier this summer by his predecessor, President Kenneth S. Pitzer.